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As a matter of policy, this editor avoids statements of intent, achievement, breast beating and similar conceits. However, after completing 100 issues of Wormwood, something seems called for.

This chapbook commemorates nine Wormwood "regulars" -- poets who have come to be associated with the magazine in the minds of readers. Several others also fit this category but are deceased (Christopher Perret, Charles Shaw, Gloria Kenison, William Wantling) while others appear not to be currently active (Carl Larsen, Ben Pleasants). Poems appearing here are new (not previously published) but not specially solicited for the occasion -- they have just been taken from the "accepted" file. For bibliographers, fans and collectors, the appearances of all the "regulars" in past issues of Wormwood are noted (ss = a yellow-page section, cb = a chapbook special issue, wa = Wormwood Award announcement).

Every three years, the editor prepares an index and tries to decide whether or not to continue publishing for three more years. The decision always rests on three factors: (i) the number of interesting new poets found, (ii) the mag's general vitality, and (iii) Wormwood's capacity to pay its own way. There will be a note of some sort in either Issue 105 or 106 as to whether the mag will continue past Issue 108. Thank you, thank you, the readers, for your attention and past support.

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